
**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE RATE
INCREASES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014**

RECITALS:

1. The city of Newberg fire department has been operating the emergency medical services/ambulance since 1994.
2. There has been no rate increase since March, 2012. Staff has attempted to maintain rates the same for the last two (2) years.
3. The city of Newberg fire department offers a FireMed program (\$52.00 per year per family) to protect families from the high cost of ambulance service. FireMed guarantees no out-of-pocket expenses for doctor ordered or medically necessary ambulance transports. Since Newberg FireMed started in 1994, no claim has been denied.
4. Increased ambulance rates are necessary to stay current with inflation, and to make up for revenue lost due to cuts mandated by the Federal Medicare Fee Schedule. Medicare Fee Schedule was phased in over a number of years beginning April 1, 2002. Virtually all urban jurisdictions in the nation are experiencing the same problem with Medicare.
5. The ambulance rate increase proposed will not replace revenue lost from the reduction in revenue due to the Medicare Fee Schedule, but may lessen the overall financial impact on the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) budget.

THE CITY OF NEWBERG RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

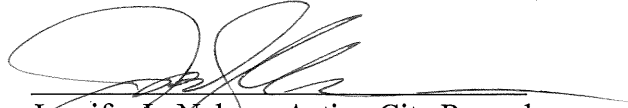
1. The city council does hereby approve a rate increase effective July 1, 2014, to the EMS/ambulance rates, which shall be as follows:

Basic Life Support Base Rate	\$1,600.00
Advanced Life Support (ALS) Base Rate	\$1,600.00
Interfacility & Specialty Care Transfers	\$2,000.00
Aid Call	\$450.00
Sit-Up Charge	\$315.00
Waiting Time	\$94.00 / 1/2 hour
Extra Technician	\$329.00
Mileage Rate	\$21.00 / loaded mile

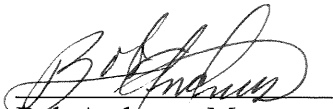
2. The city manager, by executive order is authorized to amend the ambulance fee schedule by inflation plus 1% annually to reflect changes in the consumer price index for medical equipment, supplies and labor costs.

➤ **EFFECTIVE DATE** of this resolution is the day after the adoption date, which is: May 20, 2014.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Newberg, Oregon, this 19th day of May, 2014.


Jennifer L. Nelson, Acting City Recorder

ATTEST by the Mayor this 22nd day of May, 2014.


Bob Andrews, Mayor